Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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Mr. Michael Huerta Administrator Federal Aviation Administration 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 1022 Washington, DC 20591

Dear Mr. Huerta,

We are writing to request a meeting between the appropriate Federal Aviation Administration staff and stakeholders from the Warsaw Municipal Airport in Warsaw, Indiana to discuss potential airport improvements.

As you may know, Warsaw is home to a number of orthopedic companies that are responsible for more than a third of global orthopedic device sales. These companies rely on the Warsaw Municipal Airport to do business—sending and receiving equipment, products, and people around the world.

Currently, however, when there is a possibility of precipitation affecting a runway, flights are diverted due to the current runway length. As a result, local industry representatives are interested in improving the Warsaw Municipal Airport in order to continue supporting their business needs. Two improvements have been proposed that would allow the airport to function more reliably. The first would lower the high voltage power lines and towers that interfere with landing operations from the east. The second would extend the eastern runway into an area currently traversed by a busy road.

We respectfully request that FAA meet with local stakeholders to discuss available options for airport improvements. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joe Donnelly

United States Senator

Todd C. Young United States Senator

Jim Banks

Member of Congress